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Grace Notes – May 13, 2018

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

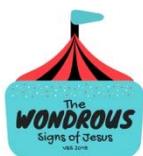
Multigenerational Sunday School

We will have a multigenerational Sunday School program in preparation for Pentecost on May 13 during the Sunday School hour. We will discuss the Pentecost reading from Acts, make paper doves, pray and sing together. Come join us!

On The Way



On The Way is a community-building, faith-nurturing opportunity offered at various points throughout the year. It combines discussion, reflection on Scripture, and directed prayer. It's a chance for those new to the Grace community to connect with those who have been around for a while. It's also a chance for long-time members to renew and explore their faith. We are meeting one more Thursday, May 17, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Hoffmeister Room (on the right at the end of the long hallway.) Join us!



VBS 2018

The Wondrous Signs of Jesus

June 11 – 15 we will be hosting both Good Shepherd and St. Matthew for a CU-ELCA VBS. The theme of the week is The Wondrous Signs of Jesus and we will be exploring the seven signs as told by the Gospel of John. Registration, volunteer sign-ups, and more information are available in the Narthex. You can also sign up online! For participant registration go here: <https://goo.gl/forms/SYCyhYXOFiMUeE7G2> and to volunteer, sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/3CBCWliVxbz8Bcd11>

Food Pantry Update



The GLC Pantry Board is very thankful that we have the resources to be able to provide emergency food to families who need it. Every dollar that is donated to the pantry has the purchasing power of \$5 to \$10 at the Eastern Illinois Foodbank. We are so fortunate to have this resource in our community. A member of the Pantry Board shops there weekly to supplement our supplies with fresh bread and produce as available. We are grateful for the continued support through monetary donations that the GLC family provides. Every dollar helps!

If you would like to donate a product, please consider (15-oz.) canned peaches. We are unable to get this product, but we are always happy to be able to distribute fruit to our families.

Your pantry board: *Kathy Bowersox, Karen Krusa, Carol Shupp, Royce Wilken* ☩

Blanket Sunday Is Here

Social Ministry is selling paper flowers for \$10 in honor or in memory of our mothers. We celebrate Blanket Sunday in conjunction with Mother's Day, which is May 13 this year. Proceeds are used to buy blankets through Church World Service for victims of violence or disaster, both in the United States and around the world. This Mother's Day, blanket the world with love.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

The Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2018, at 9:15 a.m. At the meeting, the President, Vice-President, 5 Council members at large, and 6 members for the Nominating Committee will be elected.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Many thanks to those who contributed to this fund after the last appeal. Because of your generosity we are able to respond to around 4-5 requests for help each week, vetted by area social workers. The fund is running low again. Please consider a donation so that we may continue to help people in our community who are in need.

Calling All Graduates

Are you graduating from college, high school, or 8th grade? Do you know someone who is graduating from college, high school, or 8th grade? If so, please let Virginia Lehmann, communications specialist, know, as we would like to highlight our Grace graduates in the June Newsletter.

Grace Gardeners Are Back to Work

Garden volunteers are very much needed and very much appreciated. Whoever can donate an hour whenever possible, please meet up at Grace on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., weather permitting. A sample of needed tasks:

- Planting and maintenance of the Union Street perennial garden.
- Planting and maintenance of raised planter along Springfield Avenue.
- Planting of perennials along east entry to the sanctuary.
- Ongoing weed removal, application of shredded hardwood bark, and trimming of shrubs.

Alternatively, if you would like to volunteer to assist in gardening/maintenance tasks at other times of the week, that would be fantastic! If you're not sure how you can assist or where to start, please contact Susan Monte.

Parking Lot/Walkway Replacement Project

The tentative start date is for the project is May 21, weather permitting. Access to the church parking lot will be from the Union street entrance. Both the north and east doors will be accessible during the project. Look for more details about the project in next week's Grace Notes.

Thank You!

Dave R. writes, "I want to thank everyone for your prayers, notes, and good wishes during my surgeries these last three months. Also, thanks to Pastor Repp for the prayer visits and communion. This outreach is deeply appreciated by both Nancy and our family."

Favorite Hymns Requests

Worship and Music is bringing back Favorite Hymns for summer worship. You can submit your favorite hymns for Worship and Music's Hymn Selection group to consider for inclusion in services. Remember the committee tries to vary hymns, so those that have not been used recently in services are greatly appreciated suggestions.

Thank You Bell Ringers!

The Bell Choir received a well deserved round of applause last Sunday. The choir has done an outstanding job this year, and we thank each and every ringer for his/her contribution to the worship service.

P.S. If you would like to be a part of this outstanding group, please join them in September. No previous bell experience required and no auditions!

Lost and Found

MEN'S RING – a men's ring was found in the men's first floor restroom on April 8.

KEY – a key was found on the church parking lot on April 29.

If either of these items belong to you, please contact the church office.

Bulletins and Grace Notes on the Website

Did you know that you can find Sunday bulletins and an edited version of the Grace Notes on our website? Check it out. Just look under the worship heading on the top menu.